

I. Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A press for making a food patty, comprising:
a disc defining a weight, said disc having an opening therethrough and an outer exposed generally smooth peripheral sidewall; and
a carrying component having a substantially flat panel and a handle affixed to said flat panel, said flat panel having a generally planar surface to contact food product to be pressed into a patty, said handle being sized to pass through said opening to allow said disc to move along said handle, said disc being moveable along said handle and positionable to overlie said flat panel thereby to facilitate the application of pressure to said food product, said peripheral sidewall defining a running surface over which an object can be run to remove food product extending therebeyond during formation of a food patty, wherein said disc has top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by said sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.
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4. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 1 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said handle is centrally affixed to a surface of said flat panel opposite to said generally planar surface.
5. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 1 wherein said disc and carrying component are formed of stainless steel.
6. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 5 further including a loop affixed to a free distal end of said handle.
7. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 1 wherein said disc has a diameter greater than the diameter of said panel.

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8. (Previously Presented) A press for making a food patty comprising:

a substantially flat panel having a generally planar, circular surface to contact food product to be pressed into a patty;

an upstanding member affixed to said panel; and

a weighted disc surrounding said upstanding member and having a generally smooth peripheral sidewall over which a finger can be run to remove food product extending beyond the peripheral sidewall during patty formation, said disc being moveable along said upstanding member between a first position where said disc overlies said panel to facilitate the application of force to said food product and a second position where said disc is spaced from said panel, wherein said disc has top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by said smooth, peripheral sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.

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10. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 8 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said upstanding member is centrally affixed to said flat panel.

11. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 10 wherein said disc, upstanding member and flat panel are formed of stainless steel.

12. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 11 further including a loop affixed to a free distal end of said upstanding member.

13. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 12 wherein said loop is elongate and acts as a retainer to inhibit said disc from being removed from said upstanding member.

14. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 8 wherein said disc has a diameter greater than the diameter of said flat panel.

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18. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 1 wherein said disc is rotatable about said handle.

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20. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 18 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said handle is centrally affixed to a surface of said flat panel opposite to said generally planar surface.

21. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 8 wherein said disc is rotatable about said upstanding member.

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23. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 21 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said upstanding member is centrally affixed to said flat panel.

24. (Previously Presented) A press for making a food patty, comprising:
a weight member having an opening therethrough; and
a carrying component having a substantially flat panel and a handle affixed to said flat panel, said flat panel having a generally planar surface to contact a food product to be pressed into a patty, said handle being sized to pass through said opening to allow said weight member to move along said handle, said weight member being positionable to overlie said flat panel thereby to facilitate the application of pressure to said food product, wherein said weight member is a disc having top and bottom generally circular surfaces bridged by a smooth, peripheral sidewall and wherein said flat panel corresponds generally in shape to said bottom surface.

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25. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 24 wherein said disc has a diameter greater than the diameter of said flat panel.

26. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 25 wherein said opening is positioned at the centre of said disc and wherein said handle is centrally affixed to said flat panel.

27. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 26 wherein said weight member and carrying component are formed of stainless steel.

28. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 26 further including a loop affixed to a free distal end of said handle.

29. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 28 wherein said loop acts as a retainer to inhibit said weight member from being removed from said handle.

30. (Previously Presented) A press according to claim 24 wherein said disc is rotatable about said handle.

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